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## Roller Rifles Attend Drill Meet

by Christopher Vetick

Embarking for a new experience, the Roller Rifles left on 16 April for Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. Not being the usual performance, this trip was to a large scale drill meet with some of the finest drill teams in the country in attendance.

The competition was sponsored by Company V-1 Senior ROTC detachment, the Pershing Rifles of Morehead State University. One hundred and fifty participants took part in the competition. According to Major John Dompe, SAI, this was the first time that Augusta has participated in such a drill meet.

The drill unit led by commanding of-

ficer, cadet John Tyminski drilled ardously and seriously in order to present a good performance in Kentucky.

For this meet two new exhibition drill stunts were added to the Roller Rifles routine. The drills, which involved precision and timing, are a figure eight and a blackout.

Major Dompe, along with MSGT Donald Studer, was involved with making the arrangements and making various corrections during the many long drill periods.

Afternoons and nights of practice proved worthwhile as the Roller Rifles returned with the first place trophy in the

Exhibition Platoon Drill competition. One of three phases of the drill meet, this competition involved mandatory as well as original drill formations.

Each individual as well as each platoon underwent a thorough inspection before the performance in the drill meet.

Roller Rifle members also placed well in the individual competition. This phase of the competition allowed two errors in drill performance before the individual was eliminated. Cadet Joyal Mines placed third in this area and was followed in fourth place by fellow cadet Al Hodges.

While this was a new experience for participating attending more drill meets of this nature.



Proud of their first place victory, Roller Rifles show off their trophy in Morehead, Kentucky. Members include: (Front row) Jorge Vence, Scott Seeds, Larry London, Carlos Morales, Charles Livick, John Tyminski, Jim Gounaris, Jack Harris, Joel Wilks, and George Mineff; (Back row) Frank Harris, Alvaro Zayas, Lance Logan, Mike Payne, Tom White, Ed Long, Jim Mitchell, and Douglas Brannan. (Photo by JW Dompe)

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# Three Bayonet Attends Presidential Conference

by Michael A. Arrington

Passer-bys of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., may have wondered why someone had parked a yellow Datsun in the midst of limousines in front of the White House.

Members of the **Bayonet** staff, Captain Robert Moore, Jim Favors and myself, had been invited by Ron Nessen, Press Secretary to the President, with the help of Senator William Scott of Virginia, to attend a nationally televised Presidential press conference.

We didn't know what the actual date would be, but we knew it would be soon. We were also aware of the possibility of being called by the White House the same day of the Conference.

On the 18th of February the call came into the Business Office at Augusta from Ms. Gay Pirozzi, a secretary in the Press Room at the White House, with whom I'd been in contact over the phone. Ms. Pirozzi said that the press conference had been planned for that evening at 8:00, but we would need to be there by 7:30 p.m.

Frantically rushing to get ready, Jim and I gathered cameras, tape recorders, pen and paper, along with anything else we could have possibly needed in almost any emergency.

We had been told to enter at the Northwest gate on Pennsylvania Avenue. This we did and confronted by a guard at the gate who asked for identification. He returned to the guard house beside the gate at which time the gate closed electronically with such a crash that I was sure it could have been heard in Maryland. The gates remained shut for what seemed to be an eternity. During this time, we feared a mishap of some kind in our invitation, but after what was in reality about two minutes those all too familiar barriers opened again electronically, and we were told to park in front of the White House. But, somehow the Datsun didn't fit in. Afterwards Captain Moore, Jim and myself returned for our drivers' licenses which were still with the guards.

In a previous **Bayonet**, I wrote an editorial on presidential security after his attempted assassinations. I would like to supplement that by saying that the White House security was second to none. Everyone on the White House grounds and in the White House was being constantly watched by agents whose only distinction was a white button on their lapel. Before we had even been really considered for this, we had to send Social Security numbers, places and dates of our births, which the Secret Service used to run checks. Needless to say, the President is more than safe at his home.



After his nationally televised press conference, President Gerald Ford was swamped by journalists and photographers. Among those were members of the **Bayonet**.

(Photo by Arrington)

After entering a wrong door and leaving as quickly as we came in, thanks to a Secret Service agent, we entered the Press Room. The White House Press Room is unique in that reporters from all over the world pile their equipment along the walls and discuss with each other anything and everything. For example, Jim, who speaks fluent German, understood some reporters from Germany discussing how well a new brand of tire holds up on the Autobahn.

Eventually we found Ms. Pirozzi, who was very helpful and friendly. Although she had other work to do before she could go home, she stayed with us for the duration of the evening.

The **Bayonet** owes her a lot and we would like to thank her for without her help the trip would not have been a success. Ms. Pirozzi took us on a personal tour of the White House while waiting for the conference to begin. Her tour was not a common one. She told us interesting facts about each room, including the Presidential Oval Office. Jokingly, I said as though I was interested in buying the place, "Does it strictly have only a four year lease?" She laughed and said that she heard President Ford ask the same thing.

We proceeded to the East Room where television cameras were being set up, sound technicians were checking their equipment, and journalists were preparing to take their notes. In a few minutes masses of other journalists entered, including NBC's Tom Brokaw and the now controversial Daniel Schorr, who by the way sat directly behind us.

Before the President entered, there was a lull much like the eye of a hurricane passing overhead. Then the announcement was made. "Ladies and Gentlemen, the

President of the United States." As he walked to his podium, I couldn't help but notice that television had done him great justice as he looked exactly like he did on the television. Also at his point the room sounded like a summer's night, within a cricket infested field. These sounds were made by an entire wall of still cameras, including those of my own and Captain Moore's.

Following his brief speech, the President answered questions of journalists, who were more determined to ask a question than a seagull was to catch a fish. However, the determination of the photographers surpassed that of the journalists. Once the questions were over and the T. V. cameras were turned off, a crowd formed around the President where he was talking to journalists informally.

At this point I was determined to get a picture up close. At times, Jim and I were about three feet from the President. I took several photos but they were blocked partially by people. The President then exited the same door through which he had entered. Ms. Pirozzi met us and took us to the Press Booths and Press Lounge. Here we met Ron Nessen and spoke for about ten seconds before he was interrupted by one of his day to day problems, which he as Press Secretary has.

The **Bayonet** was the first high school publication, we were told, to attend a televised press conference of the President. Possibly in the future years the **Bayonet** staff may be allowed to return.

Our sincere thanks go to the Press Secretary, Ron Nessen, Senator William L. Scott of Virginia and once again to Ms. Gay Pirozzi.

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# Good Morning Augusta !

by Ed Long

If one were asked to describe waking up and getting out of bed in the morning, what would the description be?

A nice 12 o'clock sleep-in, breakfast in bed delivered personally by the commandant, and a nice long hour and a half hot shower. Not quite! For some reason it just doesn't seem that way. Unfortunately!

Have you ever thought a bomb went off at your door? But to your surprise it was the friendly CO.

In a flash of speed you manage to stagger out of bed. You get your first long, good look at that beautiful roommate of yours, who has just pulled his head out of a meat grinder. For some reason you just aren't the same. He can't figure why you aren't as friendly as you were last night.

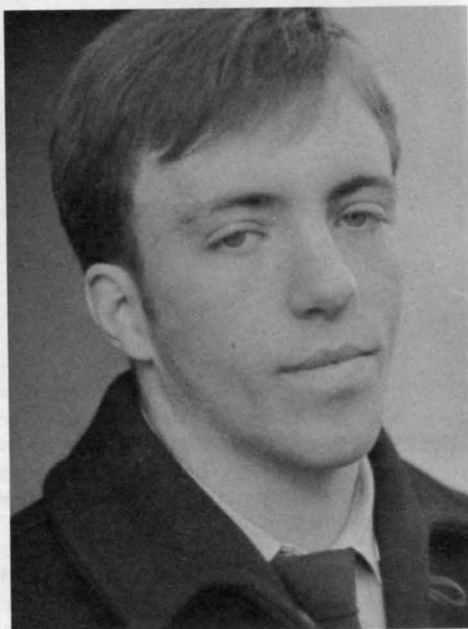
Surprise! Surprise! It's reveille at AMA. However, you feel like the wicked witch looks in the land of Oz.

Actually for the fortunate ones, it's not all that bad. So many times you have tried to beat the system, but you just can't do it.

Now, we've all heard the saying, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Just think, "It's going to be another beautiful, refreshing day at Augusta." With vacation right around the corner, you're determined this day is going to be a great one. You have that first period test down pat and the rest will be a breeze without a hassle in the world.

Shown greeting the early morning life of Augusta are (clockwise) Keith Sterling, Bunky Murray, Jim Mitchell, Gordon O'Connell, Giocondo Granai, Stanley Stewart, George Flowers, Jim Favors, Reggie Horne, Keith McWilliams and Braxton Jefferys.

(Photo by Long)

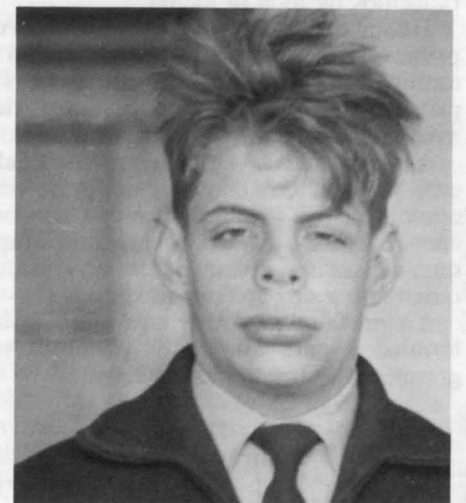
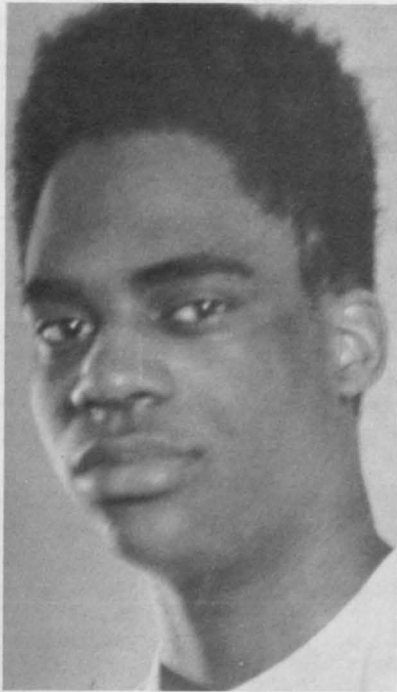
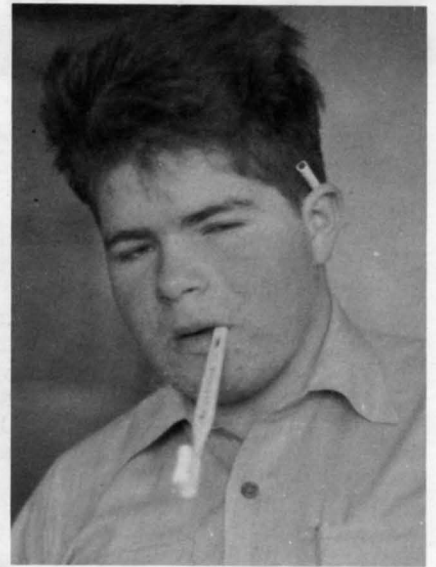
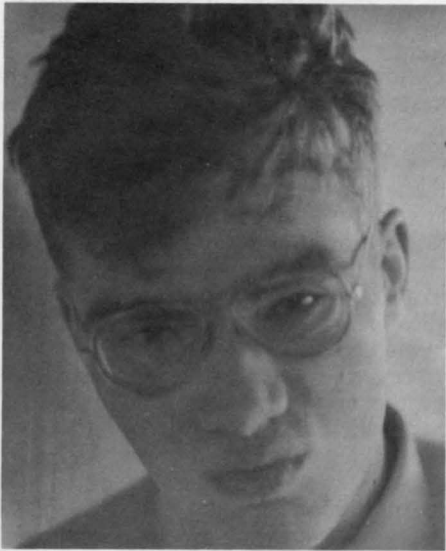


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# How Are You ?



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# Augusta Airwaves Popular

by Michael Arrington

Citizen's Band radio has hit Augusta. Cadets and faculty alike are using them for pleasure. However, CB's have served the school in other ways.

One such incident occurred after the recent series of earthquakes in Guatemala. Since telephone lines were down in the country, many cadets from the area had not heard from their families. With the help of Mark Garrison's CB, Steve McAdams, Keith McWilliams and Griff Bryn and called Shenandoah REACT, who in turn got in touch with a "Ham" operator who could reach Guatemala.

"After the Ham operator got in touch with someone in Guatemala," said Steve McAdams, "phone numbers of cadets' families were called. News that everyone was alright was returned at ten o'clock that evening." All of the families were all right. However, some serious property damage had been sustained.

Another such benefit to the school happened quite often last year. Charlie Watts and Don Schweble, who are now alumni,

used their CB to help catch AWOL's. By calling truckers, who usually have CB's and asking them to watch for cadets on Interstate 81, Watts and Schweble were helpful in retrieving runaways.

CB's are helpful and fun but do have their disadvantages. For instance, television and radio reception is sometimes disturbed.

But Kirk Pope told the **Bayonet** that if the CB meets FCC regulations, this interference will only happen in a faulty set. He also mentioned that he had read about a person with an electric organ who was picking up a nearby CB. The organ was found to be faulty.

But Pope feels that the biggest problem is the people who get on the air but don't know what they are doing and who are unlicensed. "This ruins it for everyone else," he said.

Captain Howard Sharp told the **Bayonet** that he found the biggest problem with CB's at Augusta is the antennae. The Commandant's Office never had the re-

quest or permission for cadets to install antennae on the roof arise until last year. Captain Sharp also said that no real policy governing this had been set and that those requests were handled on an individual basis.

Kirk Pope's handle (a name used by someone on the radio) is Yamaha; Paul Peter's is California Flyboy; McWilliam's is North Carolina Kid; Larry London's handle is the Virginia Caver; and Mark Garrison is the Bikini Watcher. Their handles are known to Verona CBER's who talk with cadets.

However, Cadets with base stations aren't the only ones who join in on the Augusta air waves. Many cadets have walkie-talkies which can be used for communication at short ranges.

Be they good or bad, useful or useless, CB's are growing in popularity and unless they are outlawed by the administration, it is expected that many more CB's will be brought to school.

CB's are breaking into Augusta.

## Para Los Latinos

by Carlos Morales y Julio Calvo

En el transcurso de estas días este año todos hemos tenido alegrías o penas siempre en la vida hay de las dos cosas.

Como ya sabrán del terremoto que acaba de arassas Guatemala que acabó con muchas vidas que fue una calamidad.

Ayuda del mundo y especialmente de los Latino americanos no a faltado todos los Guatemaltecos estamos realmente agradecidos de toda la ayuda.

Hablando del colegio las vacaciones de primavera se acercan el 12 de marzo y terminan el 28 del mismo mes. Por supuesto nosotros por el problema de los aviones regresamos unos días después.

Ya se comienza a poner un clima caliente y con el dos deportes del primavera como accrosse y tennis. Los dos son buenos deportes. El Coronel David Rapp que dirige muy bien laccrosse y no se quien ira a dirigir tennis este año.

Ya no falta pora que este año escolar termine y para que todos podomos regresar a nuestras casas.

## Cadets Enjoy Resort

by Christopher Vetick

Skiing, swimming, relaxing, just having a good time passed through the minds of thirty-one cadets as they started the trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania.

This trip, as the one last year to Snowshoe, W.Va., was put together by Col. Charles Savedge. Initial cost was one hundred twenty dollars for three nights and four days of skiing plus rental charges, room and meals.

As soon as the cadets arrived, there was vast confusion and expected rushing to go on the slopes. Lt. Stuart Seaton, the chaperon, finally arrived with the room keys, and willing cadets began to go out to ski.

At the ski resort, there was much activity to occupy time. Facilities such as a swimming pool, sauna bath and bowling alley or the opportunity to meet professional skiers kept the cadets busy. After returning from the slopes many learned to eat well one had to be rich. Despite this problem the cadets managed to survive.

The slopes were the scene of much activity especially by Ed Long, thought to be the daredevil of the cadets. Previously an inexperienced skier, Ed showed others how to learn to ski quickly despite his numerous wipeouts.

In spite of all the wipeouts, only one minor incident occurred. Tom Kelly broke his thumb while speeding down the slope too fast.

As the trip came to an end, the skiers confessed that in comparison to previous ski trips this was by far the best. The return trip appeared to be much longer than the get away three days earlier.



Contemplating, Carlos Morales prepares to descend the slope while Scott Leavel and Tom Kelly look on. (Photo by Zayas)

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# Home Baseball Returns

by Rick Martin

Home baseball games have become a reality. Once again the corps will be able to vocally support their team. After a four year period of no home baseball, the back field has been restored.

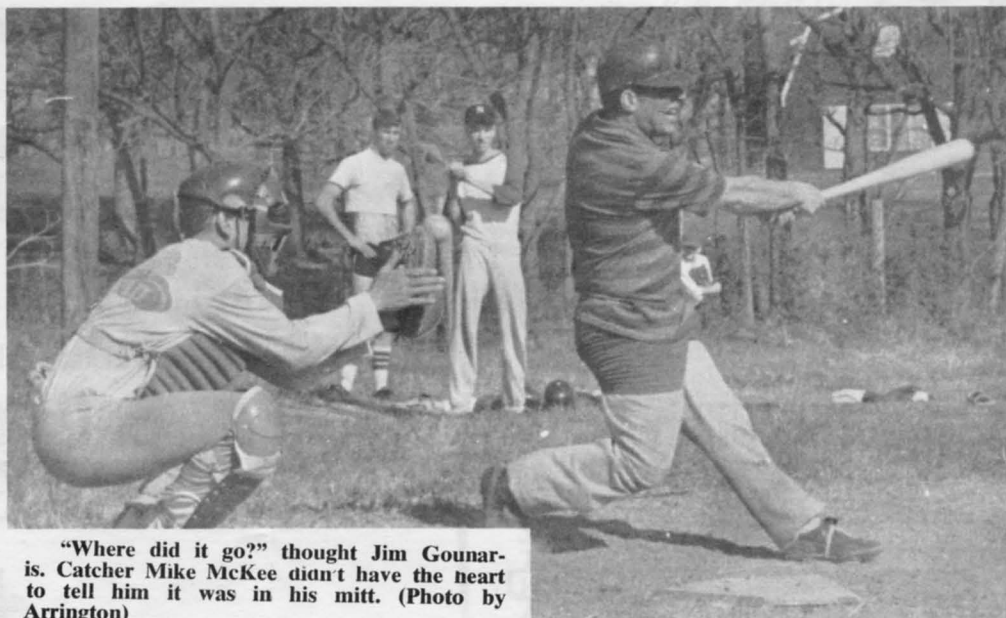
With the diamond in poor shape, Col. Malcolm Livick, superintendent and coach, had extensive work done on it. First, he had the field dragged. Then with work from penalty people and help from Col. Jim Hogg's classes, the field was raked.

The carpenters had a share with the work by replacing the backstop. With work by lawn mowers, the field and the area around it was mowed. The dirt from the dragging and raking went into the building of a pitcher's mound. Then under guidance from Col. Livick, the team picks up rock before, after and during practices.

After making the old field in good shape for this season's home games, the hardballers were able to settle into serious practice.

Coach Livick then began to concentrate on his starting lineup. Working for pitcher's position, Wayne Frantz and Jim Mitchell are likely starters with Raymond Gentry in reserve.

Two returning starters, Scott Gilliam and Jimmy Gounaris are likely to start at shortstop and third base. Nicholas Nieves and Bob Grover look to be starters at first base and second base respectively.



"Where did it go?" thought Jim Gounaris. Catcher Mike McKee didn't have the heart to tell him it was in his mitt. (Photo by Arrington)

With the outfield needing to be filled, Mitchell, Gentry and Steve Casey look good because of strong throwing abilities. Mike McKee looks to open in the catcher's position.

In the opening game on 9 April, AMA traveled to Fishburne Military Academy. Col. Livick started Wayne Frantz, who impressed the opponents by chucking a three hitter. Leading the team with three hits was third baseman Jimmy Gounaris.

First year team member Bob Grover, when asked how he thought the game had gone, said that the team was ready and they all played well.

Final score for the game: AMA 9 — Fishburne 1.

Victory followed victory as Augusta defeated archrival Staunton Military Academy 13-3.

## Victory Encourages Rugby

by Jim Favors

Rugby began its season on 8 April at home against Bermuda Academy. The game ended with a score of 12 to 4 in Augusta's favor. Three scores were made by Jorge Vence, Mike McKee, and John Myers.

Coaching the team is Captain Jeff White with his assistant Lt. Stuart Seaton. The AMA Rugby team had a scrimmage on 1 April against Madison College in preparation for the Bermuda game.

Many were skeptical concerning the future of rugby at AMA, but as corps interest and participation increased, Captain White decided to schedule the first game.

When asked how he felt before the game, he simply explained, "I was confident that the players were prepared for the game, and I had hoped that the players would enjoy playing the game."

The team has presently one more game scheduled with Bermuda Academy in Hopewell. However, the date has not yet been set.

Eager to play several more games, Captain White is currently attempting to schedule further games.

Augusta's first home rugby match turned out to be a heavy victory of 12-4 against Bermuda Academy. (Photo by Arrington)

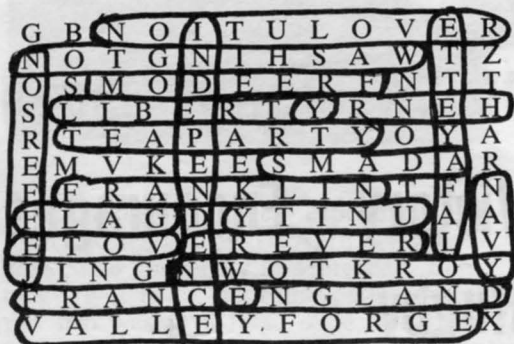


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